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SOME RESULTS OF USSR 1953 NAVIGATION SEASON;  
VESSEL LOCATIONS AND TRAFFIC, OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1953

SHIPS MAKE FINAL VOYAGES OF SEASON -- Moscow, Pravda, 14 Nov 53

The Volga Freight and Passenger Steamship Line has satisfactorily completed the navigation plan for 1953. The ports and wharves of the line handled 779,000 tons more freight in 1953 than in 1952.

Ice is beginning to form along the river, but ships are making a few last voyages. On the evening of 9 November, the flagship of the fleet, the S/S Volodarskiy, arrived in Gor'kiy on her last trip, delivering passengers and express cargo. The M/V Admiral Makarov made her final trip from Astrakhan' to Kuybyshev, delivering hundreds of tons of fresh fish to workers at the Kuybyshevskaya GES construction site. The M/V Inzhener Koreyvo and the M/V Petr Starostin have left Saratov for wintering stations. These are the last voyages on the Volga River for 1953.

Moscow, Pravda, 24 Nov 53

The last ships of the navigation season are passing through the Moscow Canal and the Shcherbakov Hydraulic Center. The Kama, Vyatka, Belaya, and Upper Don rivers are freezing over, and river workers are ending navigation and turning to winter ship repairs. Navigation has already ceased on the Volga-Don Canal.

During the 1953 navigation season, 11 percent more dry freight was carried along the Volga, Kama, Vyatka, and other rivers of the central water basin than was carried in 1952. Construction sites in Moscow and along the Volga River received 1,853,000 tons of mineral construction materials by water during 1953, and southern areas received half a million cubic meters more timber and firewood than in 1952. Shipments of Donets coal, Baskunchak salt, oil, and vegetables also increased.

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The passenger fleet carried almost 4 million more passengers in 1953 than in 1952.

The freight and passenger fleets are now headed for wintering quarters.

FREIGHT HANDLING IN SOUTHERN PORTS -- Minsk, Sovetskaya Belorussiya, 6 Oct 53

The Ministry of Maritime and River Fleet has just announced the figures for freight handled in southern ports during the first 9 months of 1953.

In ports of the Black Sea, the Sea of Azov, and the Dnepr River, the greatest increase in freight was in consumer goods. More than twice as much of this freight was carried in 1953 as in the same period of 1952. The largest part of it was fruit, vegetables, and textiles. A significant proportion of the vessels which visited these ports unloaded and loaded ahead of schedule; 300 ships did so in Odessa, for example, and about 500 in Zhdanov.

LINES FULFILL 1953 PLANS -- Moscow, Pravda, 9 Oct 53

The ships of the West Siberian Steamship Line finished their yearly plan today. Half a million tons more freight were shipped along the Ob' River and its tributaries during 1953 than were carried in 1952.

This success is due largely to the West Siberian fleet's conversion to the pushing method of barge propulsion. Thanks to the speed-up of operations, about 280,000 rubles were saved in operating costs during the year.

Large timber rafts (up to 10,000 cubic meters) were towed along the Chulym and Ket' rivers during the 1953 navigation season.

The crews of 75 ships and 7 wharves engaged in competition for completion of the plan. The S/S Marshal Vasilevskiy and the S/S Marshal Rybalko have exceeded the plan.

Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 2 Oct 53

The Moscow-Volga Steamship Line has fulfilled the 1953 plan for passenger transport well ahead of schedule. The ships of the line, operating on 56 transit, local, suburban, and excursion lines, have carried over 7½ million passengers, almost half a million more than last year.

During the 1953 navigation season about 500,000 inhabitants and visitors to the capital made excursion trips along the Moscow Canal. The excursion season is now over, and the excursion ship Don, the M/V Lyapidevskiy, the M/V Levanevskiy, the M/V Molokov, and others have already entered wintering quarters.

Suburban service along the canal has been curtailed.

VESSEL LOCATIONS AND TRAFFIC -- Moscow, Izvestiya, 15 Nov 53

The Norwegian steamship Solhavn under the command of Captain Anfinser arrived in the port of Leningrad early in October.

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Moscow, Izvestiya, 24 Nov 53

[A photograph shows the Danish refrigerator ship Meksikan Rifer unloading cargo from Argentina in the port of Leningrad. Also shown in the picture are the Norwegian vesse S/S Marita and the Finnish ship S/S Katrina.]

Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 1 Oct 53

The following vessels are operating with the Reydtanker Steamship Company: M/V Kolkhoznik, M/V Partizan, M/V Sormovets, M/V Koz'ma Minin, M/V Bogatyr', and M/V Kaspiy.

Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 6 Oct 53

The passenger cutters Nakhimovets and Suvorovets have been added to the Murmansk Arctic Steamship Company. They will be put into service on the Murmansk-Polyarnoye line with ports of call along Kol'skiy Zaliv.

Moscow, Ogonek, No 44, Nov 53

The large diesel vessel Rus' has recently been put into service on the Vladivostok-Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy run. The ship is equipped with hundreds of cabins, a motion picture theater, sports deck, and dining rooms.

Moscow, Trud, 3 Oct 53

Numerous vessels, including the S/S Khaltarin and the S/S Magnitogorsk, are carrying grain from the new harvest along the Ural River.

Considerable quantities of mechanical freight handling equipment have been installed along the river during 1953. Freight transfer cranes have been installed in Ural'sk, making it possible now to load and unload ships completely by machinery.

Leningrad, Leningradskaya Pravda, 4 Oct 53

The Northwestern Steamship Line has many vessels operating on Lakes Ladoga and Onega, the greater part of which are engaged in the transport of consumer goods and agricultural products.

The S/S Engel's is in regular service around the shores of Lakes Ladoga and Onega delivering consumer goods; the M/V Petrov-Il'in, the M/V Dispatcher Sharov, and the M/V Dispatcher Mikhaylov are delivering manufactured goods and food products to Sviritsa, Podporozh'ye, Staraya Russa, and other points.

Petrozavodsk, Leninskoye Znanya, 4 Oct 53

The following tugs are operating with the Belomorsk-Onega Steamship Line: S/S Kamenka, S/S Andrey Zhdanov, and S/S Medvezh'yegorsk.

Kiev, Pravda Ukrainy, 9 Oct 53

The following vessels are operating with the Black Sea Steamship Company: S/S Argun', S/S Izmail, M/V Iosif Stalin, M/V Volga-Don, and the tanker Zhiguli.

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Kiev, Pravda Ukrainy, 2 Oct 53

Yesterday, the S/S Vytegra left Arkhangel'sk for Novaya Zemlya on its last voyage of the year. The ship will stop at numerous far northern stations to deliver food, manufactured goods, construction materials, motor boats, and fuel. Twice as many consumer goods were delivered to Novaya Zemlya during 1953 as in 1952. On return trips the vessels have brought furs, leather, and eider down to Arkhangel'sk.

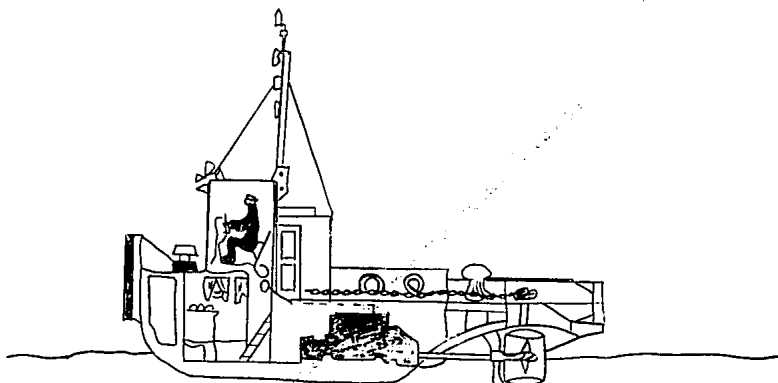
ARAL SEA FISHING FLEET ENLARGED -- Tashkent, Pravda Vostoka, 4 Oct 53

In 1953, the fishing station at Muynak received eight new motor boats from shipyards on the Aral Sea. Several vessels with special equipment for lowering and raising nets have been delivered from yards on the Sea of Azov.

Another group of vessels is now en route to Aral'sk from shipyards in Astrakhan', Tobol'sk, and other cities. Four large ships for the transport of fish were put into service on the Aral Sea a short time ago, and now five additional refrigerator ships and two metal barges have been added for the shipment of fish from cooperatives to processing centers.

SOVIET PUSHER-TYPE TUG -- Moscow, Tekhnika Molodezhi, No 1 Jan 53

The following is a sketch of a Soviet pusher-type tug.



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